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SUBJ: CYPRUS COUP: FONMIN'S PRESS CONFERENCE

EUCOM FOR POLAD AND J-2

1. FOLLOWING ARE SIGNIFICANT EXCERPTS FROM STATE RADIO REPORT
ON PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY FONMIN GUNES JULY 22:

A. ON CEASE-FIRE: "TURKEY...HAS ACCEPTED A CEASE-FIRE
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE UNITED NATION'S RESOLUTION, "GUNES SAID.
TURKEY DID NOT LAND ON THE ISLAND FOR INVASION OR EXPANSION, BUT IN
GUARANTEE OF TURKISH POLICY AND TO IMPLEMENT PRINCIPLES OF
INTERNATIONAL LAW.

B. ON CYPRUS SETTLEMENT: "WE HAVE TO CONSIDER TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY, SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE FOR EACH OF THESE
COMMUNITIES TOGETHER...CYPRUS WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE SUBJECT
OF STRUGGLE AS LONG AS THE RIGHTS, THE EQUAL RIGHTS, OF THE TWO
COMMUNITIES ARE NOT RECOGNIZED IN THE EXISTENCE OF THE STATE.."

C. ON MILITARY OPERATIONS: FIGHTING CONTINUES; KYRENIA
IS NOW IN TURKISH HANDS. GUNES SAID HE DID NOT HAVE DEFINITE
INFORMATION ON LOSSES BUT TURKISH LANDING WAS ACHIEVED WITH
MUCH LOWER LOSSES THAN NORMAL IN A LANDING OPERATION.

D. ASKED IF NATO HAD INFLUENCED ACCEPTANCE OF CEASE-FIRE,
GUNES REPLIED: "NATO'S INFLUENCE WOULD HAVE REQUIRED THAT
THERE BE NO WAR BETWEEN TWO ALLIES."

E. ON WAR WITH GREECE: GUNES NOTED THAT HE WAS VERY
PLEASED THAT "SERIOUS WAR" DID NOT BREAK OUT BETWEEN TWO NATO
COUNTRIES. GUNES SAID THAT HE MENTIONED "SERIOUS WAR" BECAUSE
GREEK REGIMENT AND GREEK AIRCRAFT HAD TAKEN PART IN FIGHTING IN
CYPRUS AND HE COULD NOT SAY THERE WAS NO WAR.

F. ON CYPRUS GOVERNMENT: "...THOSE WHO HAVE THE
ADMINISTRATION OF CYPRUS IN THEIR HANDS TODAY DO NOT EVEN
REPRESENT LEGITIMATELY THE GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY LET ALONE
THE STATE OF CYPRUS...EVEN BEFORE THE LAST COUP IN CYPRUS,
MAKARIOS REPRESENTED ONLY PART OF THE LEGITIMACY OF CYPRUS,
REPRESENTING ONLY THE GREEK CYPRIOTS, AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL
RIGHTS RECOGNIZED TO CYPRIOT TURKS WERE NOT UTILIZED..WE
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HAVE NO PERSONAL PREFERENCE FOR THIS OR THAT PERSON. WE WANT
A GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL LEGITIMATELY REPRESENT THE GREEK
CYPRIOT SECTOR ALSO."

G. ASKED IF HE EXPECTED A CHANGE IN U.S.-TURKISH
RELATIONS AFTER MILITARY INTERVENTION, GUNES SAID, "I DO NOT
EXPECT SUCH A CHANGE. AND I DON'T THINK AMERICA WILL CHANGE
ITS ATTITUDE TOWARDS US."

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